

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:836
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2008
COASTAL SECURITY SCHEME
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat regarding Coastal Security Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any revised proposal to upgrade additional 39 coastal police stations for security has been received;
- (d) if so, the status of the proposal;
- (e) whether the Government has also accorded sanction for camel patrolling system, watch towers etc. under the scheme;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; (g) whether the sensitive areas between Jakhau and Chhad belt are not effectively covered under patrolling by the coast guard/BSF wing because of lack of suitable boats; (h) if so, the details and reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (i) the total funds provided by the Government on Coastal Security Scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

- (a): Yes, Sir. A comprehensive Coastal Security Scheme, based on the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on 'Reforming the National Security System', was formulated after consultations with all agencies concerned as well as all the 9 coastal States including Gujarat and 4 Union Territories.
- (b): Based on the proposal of State Government of Gujarat, the Coastal Security Scheme provides for 10 coastal police stations, 20 jeeps, 101 motorcycles, 25 check-posts, 46 out-posts, 20 boats of 12 Tonnes and 10 boats of 5 Tonnes for Gujarat. It is an approved scheme.
- (c): Yes, Sir. A revised proposal was received in 2006-07 for upgrading of the existing 40 police stations.
- (d): The proposal could not be considered as the ongoing Coastal Security Scheme is approved for five years and any such proposal could be considered only at the time of review after that.
- (e) & (f): No, Sir.
- (g) & (h): No, Sir. India Coast Guard is regularly deploying ships and aircrafts between Sir Creek and Jakhau. Hovercrafts and Interceptor Boats also are deployed from Jakhau to carry out patrol of sensitive areas between Sir Creek and Jakhau along the coast. BSF is also manning the area under their jurisdiction with sufficient number of available watercrafts and other vessels.
- (i): The details are given in the Anneure I.